IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 5692 OF 2005
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 776 OF 2005

Ravindra Yevaji Jadhav ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. S.B. Shetye, Advocate for Applicant

Mr. Rajesh More, A.P.P. for State.

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CORAM: SMT. V.K. TAHILRAMANI, J.

DATED: 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2005

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1. Heard both sides.

2. The applicant is seeking bail. Applicant has been convicted mainly under Section 325 of I.P.C. and sentenced to imprisonment for two years.

3. It is stated by the learned advocate for the applicant that the applicant was on bail pending the trial and this liberty has not been misused by him. This statement has not been controverted by the prosecution. It is further submitted by the learned advocate for the applicant that the maximum sentence imposed on the applicant is two years and this appeal

is not likely to be heard within the said time.

4. The Supreme Court in the case of **Bhagwan Rama Gosai and Ors. Vs. State of Gujrat reported in (1999) 4 SCC 421,** has observed that if the sentence is of limited duration and the appeal cannot be heard expeditiously, then bail should be granted. It is not possible to hear the present appeal expeditiously. In view of all the facts and circumstances, I am inclined to grant bail.

5. The applicant Ravindra Yevaji Jadhav to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties to make the said amount. The applicant shall report on last Sunday of every month to Surgana police station, Dist. Nashik, during the pendency of this appeal.

6. Application is disposed of.

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